

Crown Hill Cemetery collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
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Administrative History

Crown Hill Cemetery was incorporated on September 25, 1863, and had its first burial on June 2, 1864 when Lucy Ann Seaton was interred. As the third largest private cemetery in the country, Crown Hill has 555 acres and space to bury people for 500-600 years. The cemetery is located 2.8 miles northwest of Monument Circle. The first supervisor was Frederick Chislett, son of John Chislett, a landscape architect from Pittsburgh who designed Crown Hill. In 1973, the cemetery was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A National Cemetery, which includes both Union and Confederate soldiers, is part of Crown Hill. Over 200,000 people are buried there. With more than 250 kinds of trees and shrubs on the grounds, a tree map identifies 112 of these.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes an operating statement dated March 1942, and a letter dated April 12, 1950 to Reily G. Adams notifying him that he was elected to the Board of Corporators. The other materials are printed publications of the Crown Hill Heritage Foundation and items used by the Staff Genealogist when helping people get information about ancestors buried at Crown Hill. These items include a four-page request form, "A Brief Look at the History of Crown Hill Cemetery," "Nomenclature of Diseases," "Understanding Lot Maps," "Records Used to Obtain Genealogical Information," "Figuring Birth Dates from Tombstones," as well as samples of lot maps and ledger book entries. Information about Marion County cemeteries in 1940 and a map of the county is included. A list of other cemeteries in the U.S. named Crown Hill was prepared by the Staff Genealogist, Nikki Schofield, in 2012. There are several maps of the cemetery including one published in 2015. Tours and events brochures from 2010 give information about public and private tours available. The newsletter booklet by the Heritage Foundation has information and photos. There are several reprints of articles about the cemetery and the history of rural cemeteries. In 2012, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department prepared a list of officers who died in the line of duty and are buried at Crown Hill.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Nikki Stoddard Schofield on 2013/03/07, 2014/05/15, and 2015/06/03.

Accruals

Further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing and finding aid completed 2015/06/11 by Nikki Stoddard Schofield.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Crown Hill Cemetery (Marion County, Ind.).
- Crown Hill Heritage Foundation (Indianapolis, Ind.).

Personal Name(s)

- Adams, Reily G.

Subject(s)

- Cemeteries--Indiana
- Crown Hill Cemetery (Marion County, Ind.)--History
- Crown Hill Cemetery (Marion County, Ind.)--Pictorial works